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Region 6

Statistical Data Report for October 2006

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Preliminary Labor Force
Estimates
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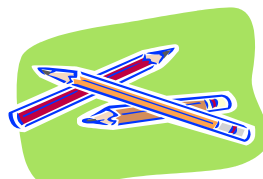
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region. There are eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions in Indiana. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK - October 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette
7	Blackford
13	Randolph
17	Wayne
18	Delaware
19	Henry
29	Union
54	Rush
77	Jay
92	Hamilton (2.8)

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2006	Rate 2005
U. S.	152,397,000	146,125,000	6,272,000	4.1%	4.6%
Indiana	3,282,100	3,131,500	150,500	4.6%	4.9%
Muncie MSA	56,290	53,200	3,090	5.5%	5.8%
EGR 6	170,660	161,260	9,400	5.5%	5.9%
Blackford County	6,970	6,575	395	5.7%	6.3%
Delaware County	56,290	53,200	3,090	5.5%	5.8%
Fayette County	11,590	10,670	920	8.0%	7.3%
Henry County	23,150	21,880	1,270	5.5%	6.0%
Jay County	12,280	11,810	470	3.8%	4.6%
Randolph County	13,230	12,490	740	5.6%	6.1%
Rush County	9,875	9,435	440	4.4%	4.4%
Union County	4,070	3,865	205	5.1%	4.9%
Wayne County	33,200	31,330	1,870	5.6%	6.4%
Muncie City	31,100	29,310	1,790	5.7%	6.2%
Richmond City	17,190	16,200	990	5.7%	6.7%



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT October 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	3.6%
Kentucky	4.7%
Michigan	6.1%
Ohio	4.7%

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally down slightly or unchanged in October. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, 32 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered rate increases, and 6 states had no change. In October, Hawaii and Utah again recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 2.1 and 2.5 percent, respectively. Nine additional states registered jobless rates below 3.5 percent. Michigan reported the highest jobless rate in October, 6.9 percent, followed by Mississippi, 6.7 percent, and South Carolina, 6.6 percent. Overall, 15 states had unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 6 states reported measurably higher rates, and 29 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. New Jersey registered the largest over the month unemployment rate decline. Six additional states also had statistically significant rate decreases from September; Massachusetts, Washington, Hawaii, New York, California and Pennsylvania. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 42 states, rose in 4 states, and unchanged in 4 states.

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hiqm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>



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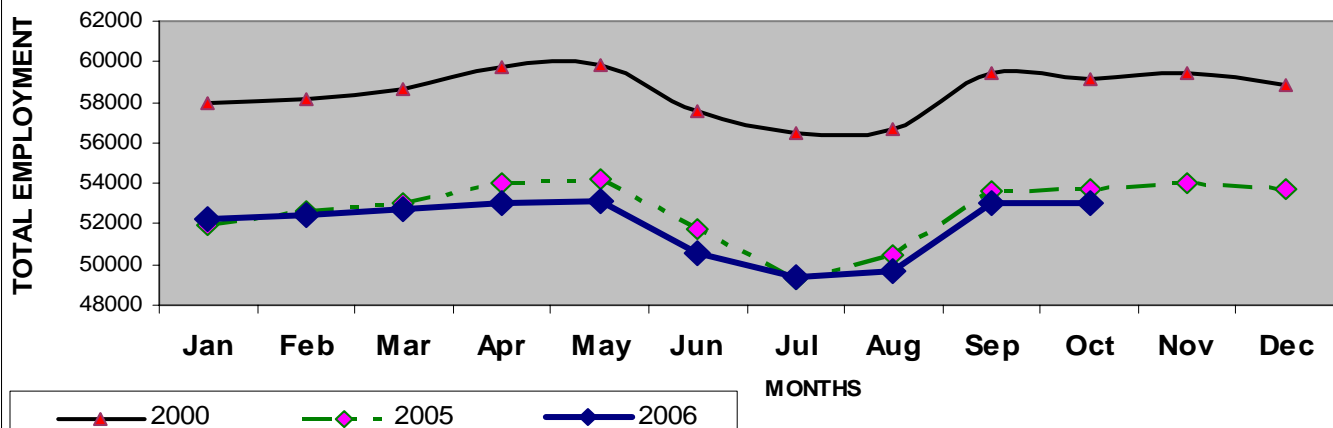
WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	SEPT. 2006	TO	OCT. 2005	TO
	2006	2006	2005	OCT. 2006		OCT. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	53,000	53,000	53,700	+0	+0.0%	-700	-1.3%
Total Private	40,200	40,300	40,800	-100	-0.2%	-600	-1.5%
Goods Producing	8,400	8,400	8,800	+0	+0.0%	-400	-4.5%
Service-Providing	44,600	44,600	44,900	+0	+0.0%	-300	-0.7%
Private Srvc Provide	31,800	31,900	32,000	-100	-0.3%	-200	-0.6%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,300	2,300	2,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+4.5%
Manufacturing	6,100	6,100	6,600	+0	+0.0%	-500	-7.6%
Durable Goods	5,600	5,500	5,600	+100	+1.8%	+0	+0.0%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	8,900	9,000	9,100	-100	-1.1%	-200	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+8.3%
Retail Trade	6,400	6,500	6,700	-100	-1.5%	-300	-4.5%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	400	400	400	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	4,100	4,100	4,100	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Educational and Health	9,000	9,000	9,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Health Care and Social	8,900	8,900	8,700	+0	+0.0%	+200	+2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,500	5,400	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.9%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	12,800	12,700	12,900	+100	+0.8%	-100	-0.8%
State Government	8,200	8,200	8,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	4,200	4,100	4,300	+100	+2.4%	-100	-2.3%
Local Govt Education	2,600	2,500	2,600	+100	+4.0%	+0	+0.0%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING

MUNCIE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

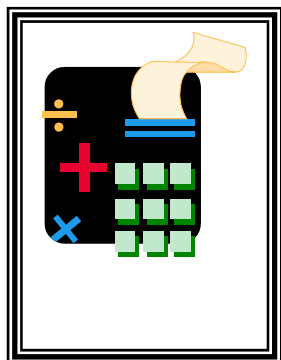
Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover*, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



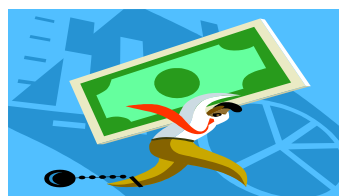
MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	October 2006	September 2006	Previous Month % Change	October 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	7,325	6,556	11.7%	6,540	12.0%
Auburn	9,920	8,183	21.2%	7,303	35.8%
Connersville	3,073	2,290	34.2%	1,922	59.9%
Fort Wayne	16,635	14,048	18.4%	16,785	-0.9%
Marion	6,168	4,948	24.7%	4,795	28.6%
Muncie	9,283	6,955	33.5%	8,249	12.5%
Richmond	3,214	2,629	22.3%	3,010	6.8%
INDIANA	254,625	202,780	25.6%	218,829	16.4%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date December 7, 2006



JOB OPENINGS

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 OCTOBER 2006	Number of Openings	Average Hourly Wage
Janitors & Cleaners	15	\$9.19
Other Cleaning/Building Service Workers	12	\$8.81
Maintenance repairers: General Utility	11	\$12.60
All Other Hand Workers	10	\$8.25
Production Laborers	9	\$9.66
All Other Machine Operators	9	\$8.55
Other Inspectors & Testers	9	\$8.13
Other Hand Material Movers	9	\$8.07
Machine Feeders & Offbearers	8	\$8.80
Secretaries -Other	7	\$12.12
Helpers: Carpenters	7	\$9.17
Receptionists/Information Clerks	6	\$10.85
Shipping/Receiving Clerks	6	\$9.35
All Other Machine Setters & Set up Operators	6	\$9.45

The October 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during September. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,762
Production Laborers	3,761
All Other Machine Operators	3,199
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,584
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,432
All Other Hand Workers	2,356
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,766
Cashiers, General	1,652
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,527
General Office Clerks	1,469
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,463
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,448
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,433
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,385
Other Hand Material Movers	1,312
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,293
Machine Assemblers	1,283
Production Helpers	1,275
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,236
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,194

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced the new listing of eligible Labor Surplus areas effective October 1, 2006. The list will remain in effect until September 30, 2007. Employers located in labor surplus areas are eligible for preference in bidding on federal procurement contract. The reference period used in preparing the current list was January 2004 through December 2005. The national average unemployment rate during this period including data for Puerto Rico) was 5.4 percent. After applying the 1.20 ratio, the unemployment rate for qualifying an area as having a surplus of labor for FY 2007 is 6.5 percent. Therefore, areas are included on the current annual labor surplus area list because their average unemployment rate during the reference period was 6.5 percent or above. The FY 2007 LSA list can be accessed at <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/lsa.cfm>.

ANDERSON CITY
BLACKFORD COUNTY
CLAY COUNTY
CRAWFORD COUNTY
EAST CHICAGO CITY
ELKHART CITY
FAYETTE COUNTY
GARY CITY
GRANT COUNTY
HAMMOND CITY
HENRY COUNTY
HOWARD COUNTY
BALANCE OF HOWARD COUNTY
KOKOMO CITY
LAWRENCE COUNTY
MARION CITY
MIAMI COUNTY
MICHIGAN CITY

MUNCIE CITY
ORANGE COUNTY
RANDOLPH COUNTY
RICHMOND CITY
SOUTH BEND CITY
STARKE COUNTY
SULLIVAN COUNTY
TERRE HAUTE CITY
VERMILLION COUNTY
VIGO COUNTY
WABASH COUNTY
WAYNE COUNTY

Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7		

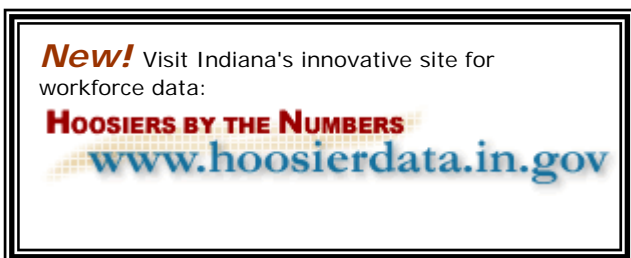
12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1		

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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